

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MARC FISHMAN,

Civil Action No.

PLAINTIFF,

19-CV-265 (NSR)

(VR)

-against-

CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE,

DEFENDANT.

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300 Quarropas Street

White Plains, New York 10601

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10:10 a.m.

Examination Before Trial of ANN ELLIOTT, a
Non-Party Witness in the above-captioned matter,
held at the above time and place, before Howard
Breshin, a Notary Public of the State of New
York.

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED
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respective parties hereto, that this
examination may be sworn to before any
Notary Public.

IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND
AGREED that the sealing and filing of
the said examination shall be waived.

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except as to form shall be reserved for
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A. No, I was not informed of that.

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Q. Whether you were informed or not, were you concerned that that would happen?

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A. No, I had no concerns. I didn't feel I did anything that warranted me being arrested.

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Q. So did you have any concern that you potentially would be arrested or charged with any crime that day?

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A. No, because I didn't feel there was a crime.

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Q. A crime with respect to yourself?

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A. Yes.

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Q. How about anyone else that was involved?

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A. I didn't think there was a crime either with Mr. Fishman.

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Q. Did you feel that there may have been a crime with Ms. Bolivar?

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A. No, I didn't feel that way.

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Q. What about with Ms. Solomon, the mother of the children?

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A. No, I didn't feel that way at the time.

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Q. Okay. Would it be fair to say that

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2 know, I said, you know, Joanna mentioned about
3 some track meet with her dad, she really wants
4 to, I think she may have gotten in on that
5 conversation. And so Ms. Solomon said, okay, you
6 know, he can come and see you run.

7 Q. Now, I usually don't preface my
8 questions with commentary but I am probably
9 asking a loaded word, so if you can't answer the
10 way I'm asking, let me know and I'll rephrase it.

11 In your work with this family, did you
12 feel that Jennifer Solomon was engaging either
13 indirectly or directly in parental alienation
14 against Marc?

15 MR. LOOMBA: Wait, objection to
16 form. Go ahead.

17 A. Yes, I did feel in some sense that was
18 happening.

19 Q. Did you feel that Marc Fishman had a
20 processing issue with words and phrases and
21 communication with speaking with someone in your
22 interaction with him?

23 A. Initially when I started the case and
24 I did not know about his accident or whatever, I
25 kind of felt that this father, excuse my

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language, is a little slow. But then when he caught onto my, like posture, like what is going on, you know, then he told me about an accident and the surgery and having implants and all of that and being part of the disabled disability thing. So I said -- and he said it was very bad, his memory is just coming back and, you know, being able to process and understand. So I said, oh, okay.

Because in speaking to Ms. Solomon also not sharing that with her but she divulged information to make it seem-- maybe that is why that was my perception, you know, he didn't do well in college and he didn't finish, he's not that bright, you know. So I am like, okay, maybe this is the challenges I'm having with getting him to understand or saying something and not getting good results. This is an adult. This is a court order. I said this three times already, why are you not, you know.

So with that information, then I understood a little better that maybe this was, you know, part of what happened in the accident.

Q. I guess just because just thinking

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2 on our way to the police station, I tried to tell
3 him it is not going to change anything, we are
4 not going to have a visit today. But he insisted
5 that the visit was being ended by Ms., you know,
6 Ms. Solomon where I am telling him I am making
7 the call, right, but he didn't see it that way.
8 He saw that she was doing it, right?

9 As a supervisor, I could have said to
10 Ms. Solomon, Ms. Solomon, go inside, he does have
11 a visit this morning by court order, we are going
12 to move forward with the visit and move forward.
13 I could have made that decision. But I didn't
14 feel with the talk of the order of protection and
15 stuff even though I didn't see one and Ms.
16 Solomon being so very upset and with all the
17 dynamics that was going on in this case, it was
18 in the best interests of everyone that I said,
19 okay, we are not going to have a visit today. It
20 is just a day and my perception is we'll have
21 future visits, right? So let's everybody quiet,
22 let's move on from today. But it didn't work out
23 that way once we got to the police station.

24 I didn't even want to go to the police
25 station. I begged him to just drop me off, I

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2 by hearsay what these two people were saying.

3 And so in driving past her home was not_-- maybe
4 he was in the vicinity but he was in a public
5 space, public property which is a street, turning
6 the corner on the street, parked on the side of
7 the street. So I didn't see where any criminal
8 issue_-- this was no different for me than us
9 being at the rink, he is there, Ms. Solomon is
10 there. This was no different from her being in
11 the same space, which occurred a couple of times,
12 and Mr. Fishman was there even in closer
13 proximity of making the best situation between
14 two feuding parents being in the presence of
15 their children.

16 Q. Did you feel that Mr. Fishman would
17 have had difficulty in expressing and
18 communicating what occurred that day to the
19 police officers when they were interviewing him?

20 MR. LOOMBA: Objection. Go ahead.

21 A. He probably could have. Because when
22 he gets upset, you know, he goes off.

23 Q. He can come off as a little slower?

24 MR. LOOMBA: Objection.

25 A. Yes, he will be kind of like jumping

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all over, you know.

Q. So regardless as to what you had spoken to the police officers about, they spoke to him next and it is possible that he may have not expressed himself in a way that clearly explained what happened as the way you saw it had happened?

MR. LOOMBA: Objection to form.

Go ahead.

A. It is quite possible.

Q. Do you think that there may have been some sort of accommodation or modification that he would need to better trust himself on that day or with you?

A. I am not sure what that would be. It is not even something that entered my thoughts. I just know with my communication, sometimes it did get a little frustrating but as a professional I had to work with that, so yes.

MR. DEMIRAYAK: I have no other questions for you. But I will note my objection again on the record. The request for all emails and text messages to this non-party witness I